REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully considered the restriction requirement raised in the Office Action dated January 14, 2005.

As a result, the Applicant hereby elects the invention Group I, namely <u>claims 1-36</u> drawn to an electro-active polymer device. It is respectfully submitted that the Applicant retains the right to present the non-elected claims 37-52 in a divisional application.

Should the Examiner have any questions or require anything further, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney-of-record at the telephone number shown below for further expediting the prosecution of the application.

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